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**BRITAIN'S
GREATEST
HERO!**

Jack Staff™

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HE'S THE
COSMIC
CHAMPION!

A WANDERER THROUGH TIME
AND SPACE, FOREVER CAUGHT
IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN
ORDER AND CHAOS!

HE CAN ONLY BE
BESTED BY A MAN
OF HONEST
INTENT!

THE ETERNAL WARRIOR

HE'S NEVER MET ONE YET!



THERE'S
A REASON
THEY CALL ME
MOLACHI
THE IMMORTAL
...



WHAT'S
WRONG
GREY
HAIR?

RUN
OUT OF
ARROWS?



HERE...



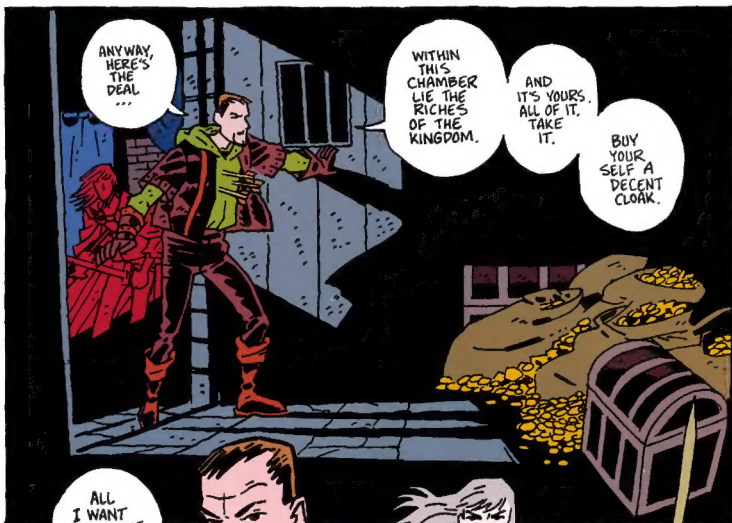
TAKE
ONE OF
THESE.





SO
YOU'RE THE
COSMIC
CHAMPION
eh?

I
THOUGHT
YOU'D BE
BIGGER.

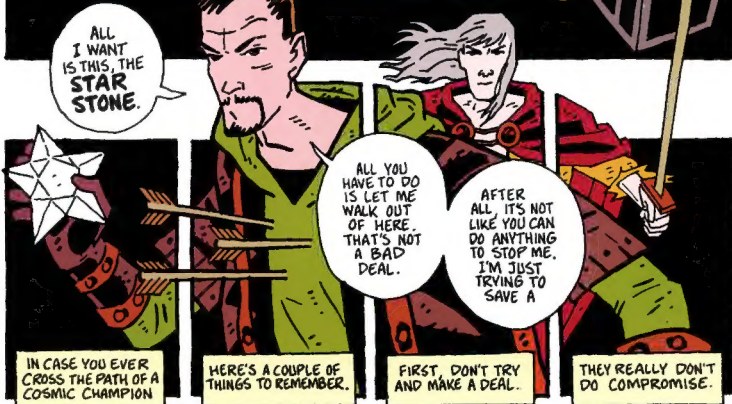


ANYWAY,
HERE'S
THE
DEAL
...

WITHIN
THIS
CHAMBER
LIE THE
RICHES
OF THE
KINGDOM.

AND
IT'S YOURS.
ALL OF IT.
TAKE
IT.

BUY
YOUR
SELF A
DECENT
CLOAK.



ALL
I WANT
IS THIS, THE
STAR
STONE.

ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO
IS LET ME
WALK OUT
OF HERE.
THAT'S NOT
A BAD
DEAL.

AFTER
ALL, IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU CAN
DO ANYTHING
TO STOP ME.
I'M JUST
TRYING TO
SAVE A

IN CASE YOU EVER
CROSS THE PATH OF A
COSMIC CHAMPION

HERE'S A COUPLE OF
THINGS TO REMEMBER.

FIRST, DON'T TRY
AND MAKE A DEAL.

THEY REALLY DON'T
DO COMPROMISE.



BECAUSE NO
MATTER HOW
BIG A BASTARD
YOU MIGHT LIKE
TO THINK YOU
ARE...

THE COSMIC
CHAMPION IS A
BIGGER BASTARD
THAN YOU COULD
EVER HOPE TO BE.

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It's all a bit new at the moment. New Year. New Logo. New Schedule. Same old me I'm afraid. So perhaps now is a good time to welcome on board any new readers who might have picked up this issue and are wondering what they've got themselves into

FLAG WAVING

Basically, Jack Staff follows the adventures of Britain's Greatest Hero, who has been around a lot longer than you might think. He's been off the hero scene for some 20 years but has been drawn back into action, not always of his own choosing.

The thing to bear in mind as you read these stories is that just because Jack Staff is the title of the comic, it doesn't mean that the stories always revolve around him. The town of Castletown is home to a wide range of characters such as Becky Burdock, the vampire reporter, the investigators of the Question Mark Crimes, Q, Tom Tom the Robot Man and many others you'll meet over the next few months. Jack Staff the comic is about their stories as much as it's the story of the man with the stick. Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it!

As for long time readers, hello and welcome to the first new issue of Jack Staff for a little while. Sorry for the absence over the last few months, but I'm back and ready for the long haul.

Starting with this issue, Jack Staff is now officially a monthly title! I'm currently inking issue 17 and am halfway through the pencils for issue 18, so there's plenty more to come in 2008.

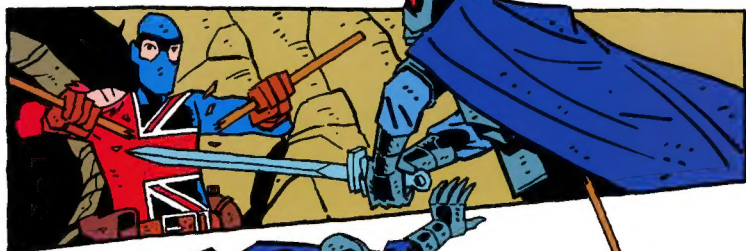
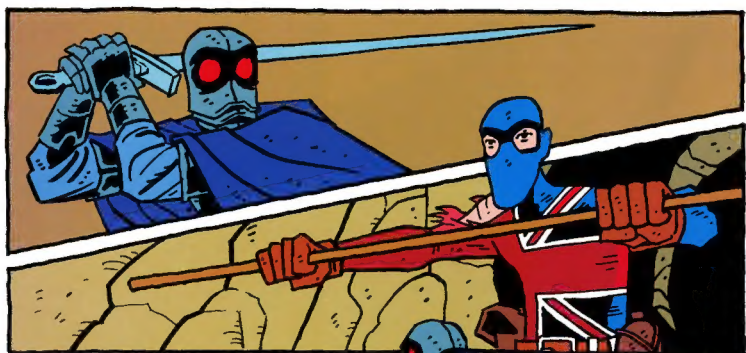
That's my New Years Resolution sorted, how's 2008 shaping up for you?

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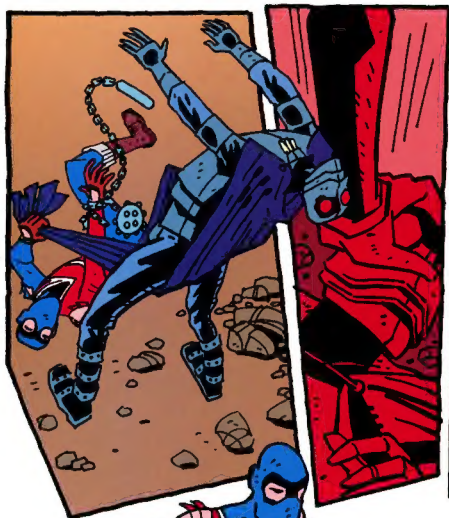
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SOMEWHERE
IN THE DISTANCE
A BELL TOLLS.

RING

THIS IS WHERE
IT ENDS.



NO
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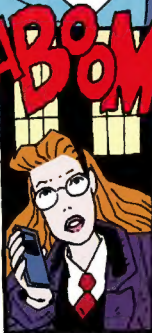
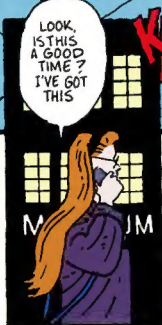
THEY
DID
IT!

IT'S
TOO
LATE
...

**RING
RING
RING**

THIS IS HOW
IT ENDS.





CONTINUED!



They call me
BEN KULMER.

It's a name.

I work for Q.
We investigate
all the weird
stuff nobody
can explain.

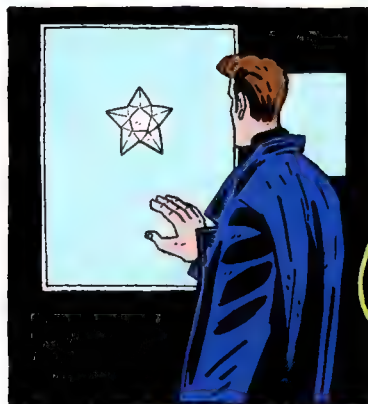


You'd be surprised how
much of that kind of
thing is going off

We call
them
QUESTION
MARK
CRIMES.



I'm one of the
GOOD GUYS.

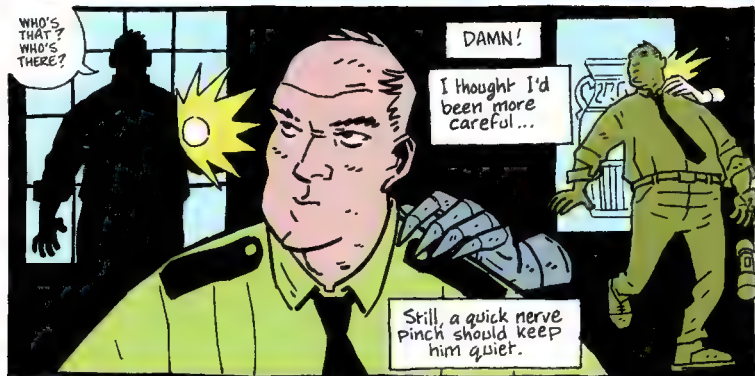
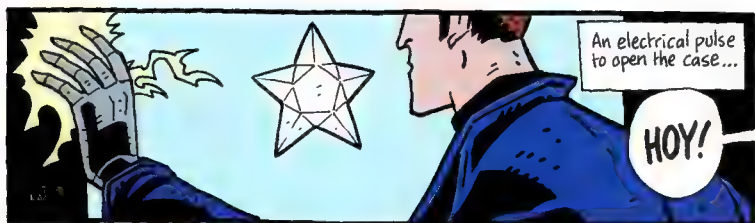


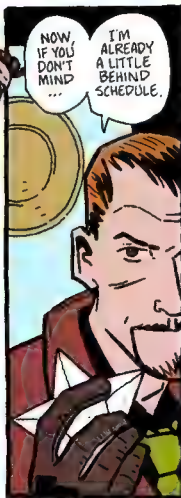
STREET MUSEUM



Tonight's
my night
off.

THE CLAW







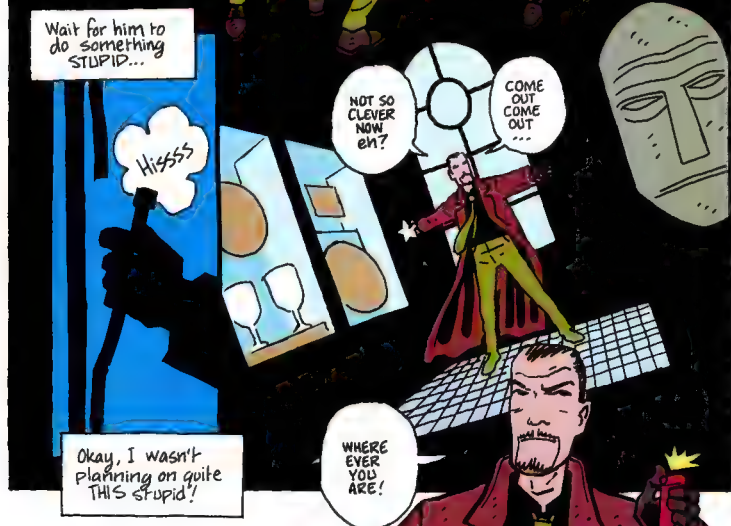
The trick is to rattle him.

Keep him off BALANCE.



OH YOU'RE THE CLEVER ONE AREN'T YOU?

IF I CAN'T SEE YOU I CAN'T HURT YOU.



Wait for him to do something STUPID...

Hisssss

NOT SO CLEVER NOW eh?

COME OUT COME OUT ...

Okay, I wasn't planning on quite THIS stupid!

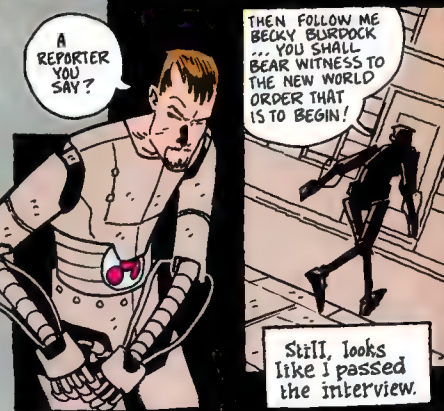
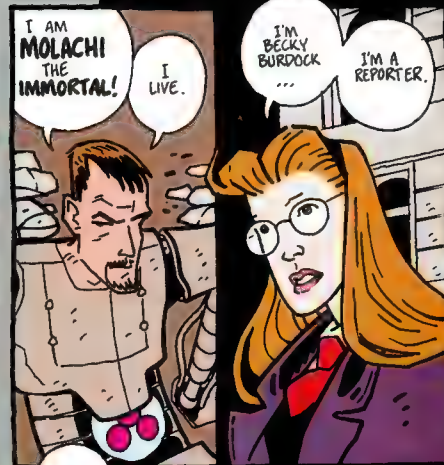
WHERE EVER YOU ARE!

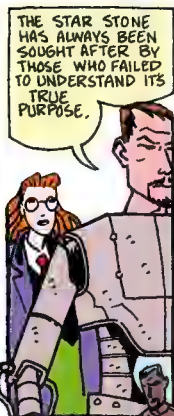
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BECKY BURDOCK

VAMPIRE REPORTER





GOOD!
THE SIGNAL
IS BEING
PREPARED.
THE STONE
IS THE FINAL
PIECE.

I'm an impartial
observer of
events. It's not
my job to get
involved.

But I can't
help feeling if
someone wants
something so
badly...

THE
NAGARIK
CAN NOW
BEGIN
THEIR
JOURNEY!



I really
shouldn't be
handing it
over to them.

I WAS
TRYING
TO BE
NICE
...

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO'S
MAKING
THINGS
DIFFICULT
...

EXCUSE
ME
...

DID
SOMEONE
DROP
SOME
THING?

You remember that
guy on the phone,
JOHN SMITH?

Well, he's also
a super-hero.

They call him
BRITAIN'S
GREATEST
HERO!

But I'm not
sure who
THEY are.

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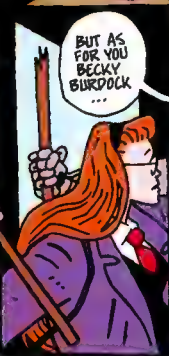
OKAY
RED
...

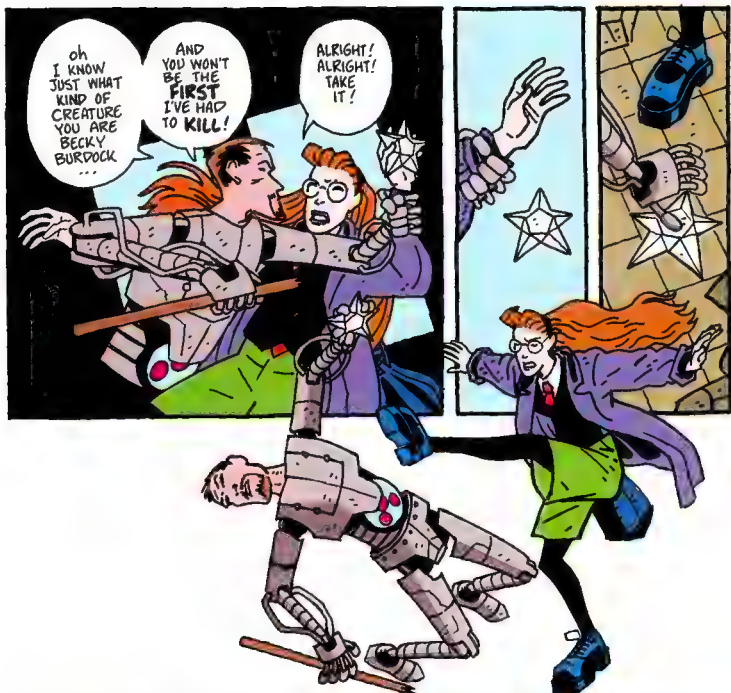
YOU
HANG
ONTO
THIS.

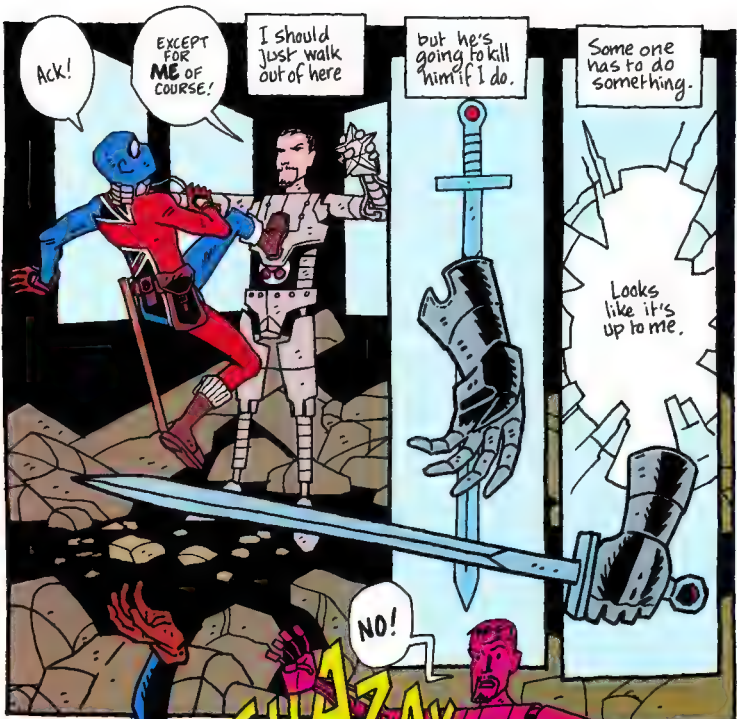
I AM
MOLACHI
THE
IMMORTAL
...

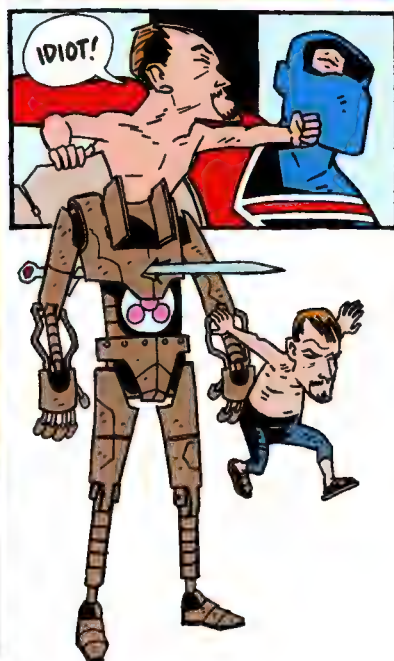
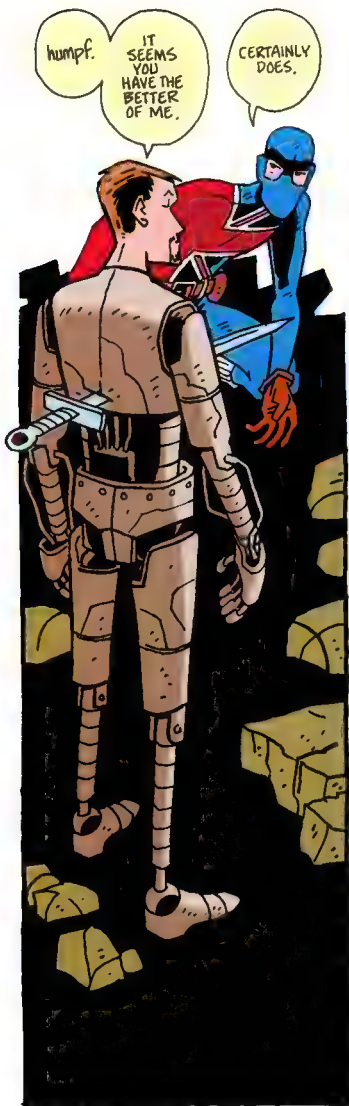
I'LL
DEAL
WITH
THE
TIN
MAN.

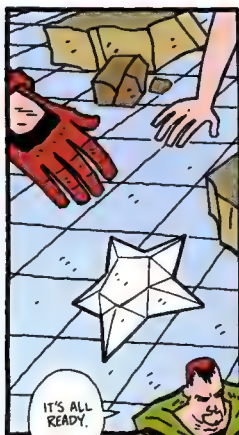
MANY
MEN HAVE
TRIED TO
DEAL
WITH ME
OVER THE
YEARS.











IT'S ALL
READY.

I MAY BE AN
IDIOT, BUT
I'VE STILL GOT
LONGER
ARMS THAN



GAH!



...YOU

WRK!



ACTUALLY,
I THINK
YOU'LL FIND
THE LONGER
ARMS ARE
MINE!

AND
SO IS THE
**STAR
STONE!**

CONTINUED!

AND
UP ON
THE
ROOF
...

WHAT
IS
THAT?

IT'S A
PATH
WAY.

FAR
FAR AWAY
IS A BARREN
ROCK, THE
HOMELAND
OF THE
NAGARIK.

THEY
NEED A
NEW WORLD
TO INVADE!
A NEW
RACE TO
CONQUER!

M
U
S
E
U
M

I HAVE
BUILT THIS
DEVICE TO
PROVIDE A
BEACON-
TO SHOW
THEM THE
WAY HERE!

WHY?

I'M
IMMORTAL
BECKY
BURDOCK
...

I
HAVE
TO DO
SOME
THING
TO PASS THE
TIME.

I HAVE SPENT
CENTURIES TRAVELLING
THE WORLD, GATHERING
THE PIECES TOGETHER!

ONLY ONE ITEM
ELUDED ME...
UNTIL TONIGHT!

TONIGHT THE
STAR
STONE
IS ONCE MORE
IN MY HANDS!

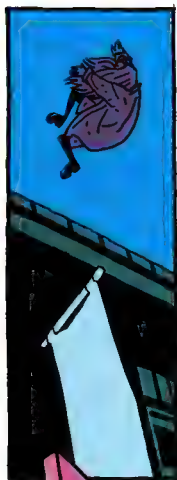


Now!

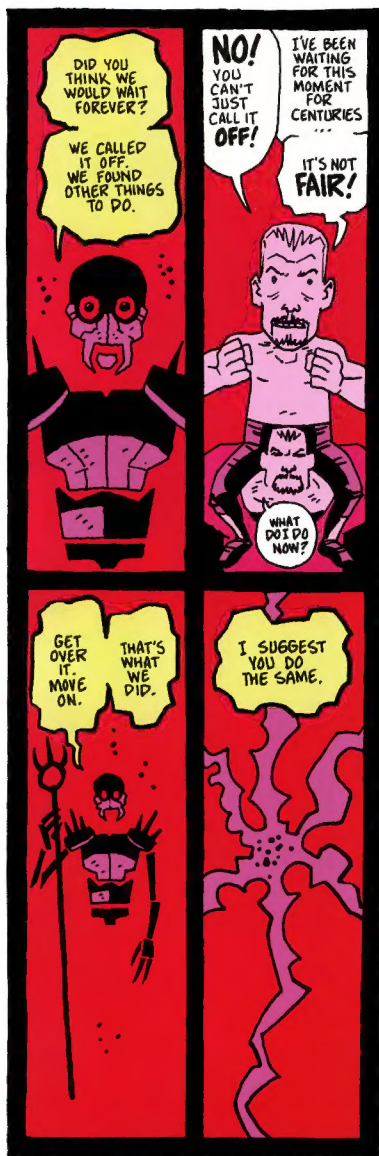


I'm only going to
get one chance
...

and that was it.



THE
NAGARIK
ARE
HERE!





IT'S
OVER
MOLACHI
...

SO?
I'LL COME
UP WITH
SOME
THING
ELSE.

I'VE
GOT TIME
ON MY
SIDE!

SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
CHASING
AFTER
HIM?

YOU
KNOW,
SOME
THING
SUPER
HEROISH?

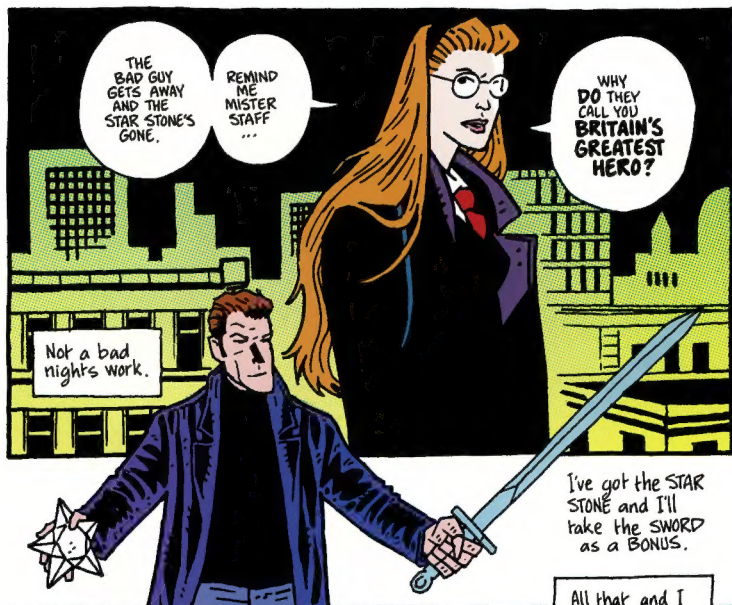
AND IF I CATCH
HIM? THEN WHAT.
LOCK HIM UP?
HOW LONG FOR?
HE'S IMMORTAL-
HE'LL GO ON
FOREVER.

AT
LEAST WE
SPOILED
THAT
WHOLE
INVASION
THING.

SORT
OF.

AND
HE DIDN'T
GET THE
STAR
STONE
...





THE
BAD GUY
GETS AWAY
AND THE
STAR STONE'S
GONE.

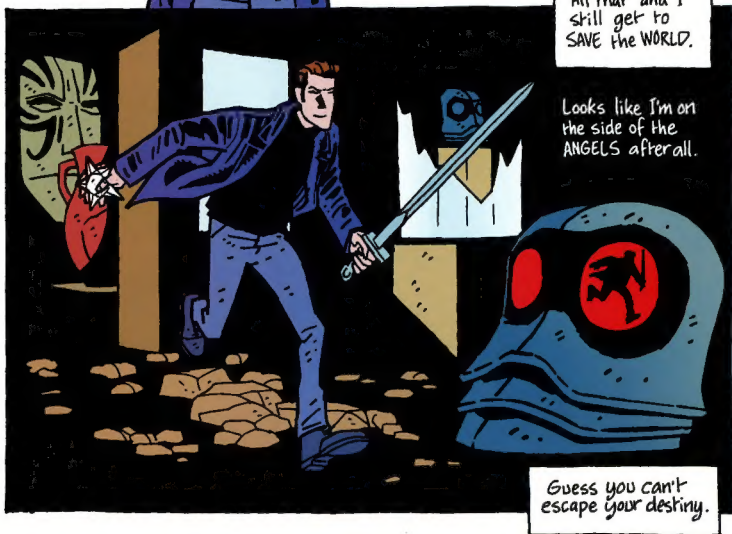
REMINDE
ME
MISTER
STAFF
...

WHY
DO THEY
CALL YOU
BRITAIN'S
GREATEST
HERO?

Not a bad
night's work.

I've got the STAR
STONE and I'll
take the SWORD
as a BONUS.

All that and I
still get to
SAVE the WORLD.



Looks like I'm on
the side of the
ANGELS after all.

Guess you can't
escape your destiny.

COMING SOON!



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